

Mission:

The St. Louis Public Schools, MERSGoodwill, and the Family Court-Juvenile Division have a mutual interest in serving St. Louis at-risk youth between the ages of ten and eighteen in a manner that recognizes and responds to the risk factors present in the community that may otherwise negatively impact the lives of these youth. The three organizations have agreed to enter into a collaborative partnership as governing partners in the creation of a one-stop service center for St. Louis youth. The goal of the center is to increase the protective factors available to these youth, which are aimed at eliminating at-risk behaviors that negatively impact the St. Louis Community

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After School Programs



St. Louis Public Schools

MERS Goodwill

Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit

Family Court Juvenile Division

Positive Alternatives for Youth

A gang Intervention program designed to reduce the level of antisocial and aggressive behaviors among participants through interactive activities and discussions.



Throwing and Growing-The Myrle Mensey Foundation

This program combines mentoring, physical training, education and nutrition information (for girls) in an effort to encourage a balanced lifestyle through participation in the throwing sports (shot put, discus, javelin, and hammer throw).

Institute of Ingenuity

Educational and motivational program for the at-risk youth population.

Wrestling Club



In wrestling, youth are challenged both mentally and physically. Coaches teach good sportsmanship, strategy to win, and how to work together. In this program youth will also build skills, endurance, and strength.

Department of Human Services-M.I.N.E. Lifeskills Program

The program highlights urban issues that affects today's youth. It emphasizes restorative justice concepts for victims and the local community.

Second Semester Programs



Loosen the Leash

Provides participants with an opportunity to train rescued dogs and prepare them for adoption into loving homes.

KatyAnn Foundation

A comprehensive girls only program committed to the improvement, empowerment and enhancement of girls.

Just-Us Tennis Foundation, Inc



This program promotes the growth of youth by introducing the game of tennis to minority children.

Portfolio Gallery and Education Center

The "Express Yourself" project's focus is to help youth build character and develop writing and art skills.

YMCA

Participants learn the fundamentals of team sports as well as the importance of good sportsmanship. & fitness training.

Community Conflict Services-Project Lead

Program utilizes historic methods that demonstrate best practices to foster community connections as a means of reducing criminal activities while building self-discipline, self-control and self worth.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Project Uplift)

An innovative program centered on manhood, scholarship and perseverance.

Media Center



The center exposes youth to multiple facets of media including news and music.

Chess Club

Students have an opportunity to participate in scholastic chess including chess competitions.

The Girl to Girl to Woman

This program is designed to teach youth self esteem.

Building Blocks

This program is designed to teach youth the skills they will need to obtain employment.

Cameron Youth Orchestra



This program teaches youth to read music and play string instruments.

Evening Reporting Center

An alternative to secure detention that provides structured evening programs for juveniles.